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FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASST. SEC. VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, GR, CY, TU
SUBJ: FOREIGN RELATIONS: TURKISH EMBARGO - SOFTENING THE
POLITICAL IMPACT IN GREECE

1. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT THINKING ABOUT WHAT STEPS THE
USG COULD TAKE TO SOFTEN THE ADVERSE GREEK PUBLIC AND
POLITICAL REACTION WHEN AND IF CONGRESS LIFTS THE
EMBARGO, I WOULD LIKE TO THROW ONE SUGGESTION INTO THE
HOPPER. FOLLOWING A FAVORABLE SENATE VOTE, AND
PERHAPS AGAIN IN A DIFFERENT FORM WHEN CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION IS COMPLETED, A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT MIGHT
BE ISSUED WHICH INCLUDES A REITERATION OF OUR EARLIER
ASSURANCES REGARDING GREECE'S PRINCIPAL CONCERNS ARISING
FROM THE VOTE, NAMELY GREEK SECURITY AND CYPRUS. THE
ABSENCE OF SUCH REASSURANCES FROM ANY STATEMENT WHICH,
FOR EXAMPLE, CONGRATULATES THE SENATE ON ITS ACTION
WOULD BE SEEN HERE AS ADDING INSULT TO INJURY. IN
THE ABSENCE OF A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT I WOULD URGE
A SIMILAR STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY.

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2. THE STATEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THAT THE EMBARGO IN ITSELF WAS PROPER AT THE TIME
AND THAT THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES WAS UPHELD;
-- THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT
TO HELP ACHIEVE A JUST AND ENDURING CYPRUS SOLUTION;
AND

-- THAT THE U.S. OPPOSES THE USE OF FORCE IN THE
SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
AND SPECIFICALLY IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

WITH RESPECT TO THE LAST POINT A REITERATION OF THE
PRESIDENT'S VIEWS FROM THE STATEMENT ISSUED MAY 31
FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH KARAMANLIS AND ALONG THE
LINES OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE APRIL 6 WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL.

3. AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY MAY, OF COURSE, HAVE ADDITIONAL
THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN HE CALLS AT
THE DEPARTMENT LATER THIS WEEK.
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